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Snow report - Friday 1 March 2013

Great conditions continue across most of the Alps. However, with lots of sunshine expected over the next few days, spring conditions are likely to develop on some lower and/or south-facing slopes. It is March after all!

Austria

Conditions remain excellent right across Austria but with lots of sunshine over the next few days, expect spring conditions on some lower and/or south-facing slopes. No such issues yet for high altitude **Obergurgl** (110/255cm) where the snow remains crisp at all levels. Conditions are also excellent in **Kitzbühel** (75/165cm), but here the snow is likely to soften up in the afternoons - at least lower down.



Good snow cover all the way down to resort still in Kitzbühel - Photo: www.kitz.net

France

Conditions remain excellent just about everywhere, especially close to the Italian border where there was some fresh snow mid-week. **Val d'Isère** (135/290cm) saw about 15cm mid-week, with 30cm or more further south in **Montgenèvre** (110/160cm).

There's been no recent snow for **Morzine** (65/290cm) or **Megève** (90/170cm), but here too snow cover remains excellent for the time of year - just watch out for a little slush at lower elevations in the strong afternoon sun.



Plenty of snow, plenty of sun in Les Gets today - Photo: www.lesgets.com

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Italy

Snow conditions remain very good in most Italian resorts, particularly the south-west where there has been recent snowfall. **Sestriere** (70/150cm) had at least 40cm mid-week and is skiing superbly at all levels. Further east, the Dolomite resort of **Selva** (70/160cm) saw a significant fall earlier in the week and is also in good shape though some south-facing runs are turning soft in the strong afternoon sun.

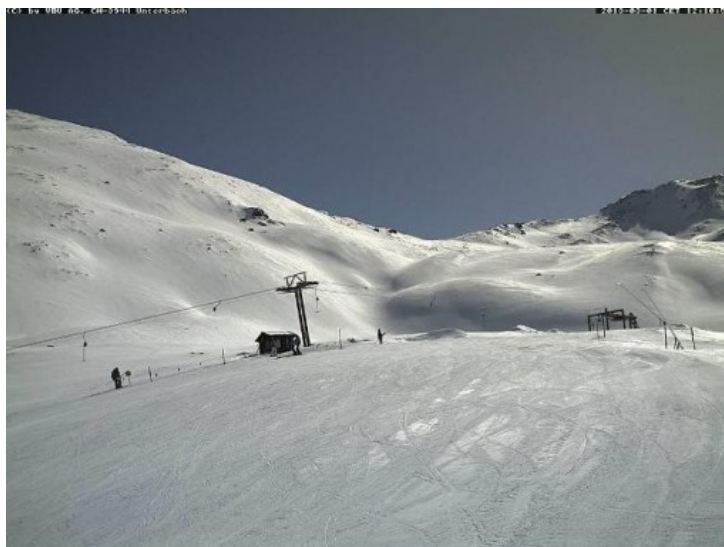


Bluebird day in Cervinia - Photo: www.cervinia.it

Switzerland

Snow cover remains very impressive across northern and western regions, closer to average in the east and south-east. **Zermatt** (50/240cm) is skiing as well as anywhere right now with firm, grippy pistes only softening a fraction at lower levels in the strengthening afternoon sun.

Further north, **Crans Montana** (50/320cm) also has ample cover, but here mornings are best as the south-facing slopes are turning a little slushy later in the day – at least lower down.



Great snow, great weather right across Switzerland right now. This is Bürche in the upper Valais.

Rest of Europe

Conditions remain excellent in the Pyrenees with further snow earlier this week in **Soldeu** (150/270cm). Great skiing also continues in Bulgaria where **Borovets** (120/190cm) had a top-up mid-week. It hasn't snowed for a while in most Norwegian resorts but on-piste a least **Hemsedal** (85/120cm) is also in good shape.



Plenty of snow in Norway as you would expect. This is Finse.

USA

Colorado has seen plenty of fresh snow this week with excellent conditions reported in both **Vail** (112cm mid-mountain) and **Aspen** (145cm mid-mountain). **Jackson Hole** (156/201cm) has also had a top-up and is skiing superbly, but the deepest powder is in the Pacific north-west where **Mt Baker's** upper base is now 550cm deep!

Canada

There is masses of new snow in **Whistler** (224cm mid-mountain) with more forecast, though it has turned milder so rain is a problem lower down. This mild, stormy weather is moving inland too with a mixture of rain and snow forecast for **Revelstoke** (233cm) where snow cover is excellent and up top (at least) there is plenty of powder.

Next full snow report on Wednesday 6 March, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates